

REMARKS

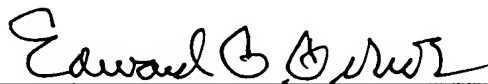
A telephone interview was held with the Examiner on Friday May 11, 2007. During that interview amendments were proposed that would recite surface to surface contact between the ledge regions and the vertical walls during the entire formation of the moulding. The Examiner indicated that such claim amendments would obviate the claim rejections based on prior art reference Shimamura.

Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 19 have been amended to include the language, "during the entire formation of the moulding." Claims 12 and 20 have been amended to include the language, "during the entire foam pour." It is believed that this language now patentably distinguishes the presently claimed invention from the teachings of Shimamura, as the fastening member of Shimamura includes side ledges that do not maintain surface to surface contact during the entire formation of the moulding. Likewise, they do not maintain surface to surface contact during the entire foam pour. Instead, they angle upwardly disadvantageously causing a gap to be formed between the surfaces. (Col 6, Lines 56-60).

In view of the foregoing amendments and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination, the Applicant believes that claims 1-8 and 12-20 are in condition for allowance and the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any further issues remain after this amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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